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To celebrate with as much pomp as possible the canonization of St. Robert Bellarmine, which took place June 29, 1930, the body of the Saint was transferred from the altar where it has reposed in recent years in the Church of St. Ignatius to the main altar. This took place April 22 at 6:30 P. M.

A solemn triduum was held on April 24, 25, and 26. Large groups received Holy Communion every day at the Masses said at 6:30 and 8:30. Besides there was a solemn Mass at 10:30, rosary and benediction at 6:30.

Cardinal Laurenti presided at the translation of the relics.

Cardinal Carlo Rossi, Cardinal Marchetti Selvaggiani, Cardinal Ehrle each said a Mass at 6:30; solemn pontifical Mass was celebrated on April 26 by Cardinal Granito di Belmonte; evening benedictions were given by Cardinal Verde, Cardinal Bisleti and Cardinal Pompili. A panegyric was given every evening; that of Sunday, April 26, being delivered by Cardinal Pacelli. At the solemn pontifical Mass on Sunday, a Latin homily was delivered by Father Robert Leiber, S. J.

Servers at the altar were non-Jesuit students at the Gregorian University. Our philosophers and theologians executed the Gregorian chant. There was also a choir directed by Msgr. Refico.

St. Robert is the last member of the College of Cardinals to receive the honor of canonization.

UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO

The Commencement Exercises of the University were held on Sunday, May seventeenth. The Baccalaureate sermon was preached by Father Joseph A. Sullivan at the 10:30 Mass. The Mass was sung by Father Edward J. Whelan, president of the University, with Father Charles Carroll as Deacon and Mr. Jerome Sullivan as Sub-Deacon.

A lunch for the graduating class in the college theatre followed at which Mr. Joseph Murphy presided and Mr. Edward O'Day spoke briefly.

The bright cloudless Sunday afternoon encouraged attendance at the Commencement Exercises which were held in the College Stadium, this being the first time these ceremonies were held in the open air at St. Ignatius. About 6000 persons witnessed the entrance of the colorful procession of faculty and graduates in traditional cap and gown and hoods of many hues.

His Excellency Edward J. Hanna, Archbishop of San Francisco presided.

The address of welcome was delivered by Mr. Albert Kaufman and the Valedictory by Francis M. Silva. Two large loud-speakers carried the addresses, every word being clearly heard even as far as the apse of the church.

The graduates numbered 120. Among them many races and nationalities including Chinese and colored people were represented. Honorary degrees were conferred on C. Harold

Caulfield and John H. Nash, the San Francisco printer who recently issued Father Henry Woods' "Laudes Virgilianae". He has printed a complete edition of Dante and now is working on a monumental edition of the "Vulgate".

UNIVERSITY OF SANTA CLARA

The Commencement Exercises of the University of Santa Clara were held on May ninth.

The Baccalaureate Mass was sung at ten o'clock by Rev. Father Murray of St. Patrick's, San Jose, Father Ivancovich of St. Joseph's, San Jose, being Deacon, and Father Mifsud of Bellarmine Prep. School Sub-Deacon. His Excellency the Most Reverend Archbishop presided. The sermon was given by Father John J. Laherty, S. J., of Santa Barbara who urged Loyalty to the Church as the special mark of a graduate of a Catholic College.

Immediately following the Mass the Commencement exercises were held in the University Theatre. The valedictory was given by Marshall Leahy who received the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. There were ninety graduates.

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Work on the new library is progressing as fast as can be expected.

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The Redwood of 1931 is a credit to the University. It is well made up and is a Vergilian number. A sketch of the life of Father Ricard, profusely illustrated, is among the features of this book. The illustrations in the 1931 book are especially good.

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The Nobili Medal, the highest award for the student deemed first in morals, obedience and application to study was awarded this year to Albert J. Ruffo, star athlete and outstanding scholar.

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A. F. Gorton of the Scripps Institute of Oceanography in speaking before the American Geophysical union which met in Washington recently stated that due to Father Ricard's work, weather forecasts twenty-five years in advance may soon be accurately given. It is now a common belief that the weather variations pulsate in regular cycles ranging from 25 to 100 years in length. These ideas are based upon the "Rain Padre's" theory.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES

Father Robert H. Shepherd, treasurer of Loyola, attended the meeting of the National Catholic Alumni Federation which was held in Chicago on April 24, 25 and 26.

The Federation may meet in San Francisco next year, having been invited by the representative of St. Mary's of Oakland.

Some forty-nine Catholic colleges in the United States were represented at the fifth annual convention. All Coast Catholic Colleges sent delegates with the exception of Santa Clara. It was estimated that the Federation represents some 300,000 alumni.

The Federation pledged itself to uphold the program of Catholic Action as outlined by the Pope and to study international peace along Catholic lines.

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The 1931 Commencement of the University was held on Sunday, June 7, at Blessed Sacrament Auditorium in Hollywood. His Excellency Bishop Cantwell presided at the conferring of degrees.

The annual Baccalaureate Mass was held on the morning of the Sunday preceding at Blessed Sacrament Church. Father Zacheus Maher was celebrant of the Mass and the sermon was preached by Father Denis J. Kavanagh, S. J.

At the request of His Excellency the Bishop, the exercises of Commencement were taken advantage of to stress the sesqui-millennial of the Council of Ephesus. The Commencement essay was on "Humanism" as foreshadowed in the condemnation of the council.

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During the month of May at a special altar erected in the auditorium the students gathered daily to honor Our Blessed Mother. The opening talk was given by Father P. H. Deignan, Dean of Men; the second by Father Rector, the remainder were given by students themselves and gave evidence of devotion to the Blessed Virgin and of earnestness of purpose in life.

In an effort to increase the attendance next year Father Rector has addressed the classes of the various High schools of the diocese and the Loyola Mothers' Club plans a reception to the Fourth High Mothers of these same students.

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After the return of Father Robert Shepherd and Messrs. Henry Bodkin and John Costello from the East it was announced that a movement is under way to associate all the alumni of the various Catholic Colleges who may be residing in Los Angeles.

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Father Cyril Kavanagh has completely recovered from an operation for appendicitis.

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Mr. George Wilson, a St. Vincent's Alumnus recently bequeathed a scholarship fund in the amount of \$5,000.00 to Loyola University.

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Four of our students barely escaped death as they were driving to school a short time ago. Only one was seriously injured and is now out of danger.

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Because of repeated requests and because of the practical aid it will give many of the students a summer law school will be conducted this year beginning June 22 and ending August 14.

Entrance requirements will be the same as for the regular law school and credit for work done will be given. By attending the entire session a student may complete one-third of the work of the regular academic year.

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The day law school has been very successful and a large freshman enrollment is looked for next year.

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The following list of Summer Retreats for Laymen has been announced by Father Rector:

June 11-15 and June 18-22 to be given by Father John McCumiskey; June 25-29 to be given by Father William Boland; July 2-6 to be given by Father Joseph Vaughan; July 9-13 to be given by Father Zacheus

Maher; July 16-20 to be given by Father Charles Carroll; July 23-27 to be given by Father James Hayes; July 30-Aug. 3 to be given by Father Zacheus Maher; August 6-10 to be given by Father Edward Whelan; August 13-17 to be given by Father Joseph Sullivan; August 20-24 to be given by Father John McCumiskey; August 27-31 to be given by Father Joseph Sullivan.

A Feather For Loyola

"University student newspapers generally reflect the educational standards of the institutions they represent. Every school, college or university takes a special pride in the literary productions of its student body as evidenced in the style, make-up and the contents of its home-made compositions. Loyola University, therefore, has reason for the pride in the rating of 'The Loyolan', its student newspaper, as a 'First-Class Honor Member' by the National Scholastic Press Association, in a competition, that includes several hundred other college newspapers throughout the United States.

The Times congratulates Loyola on the conferred distinction."

LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL, LOS ANGELES

Commencement was held in the Forum Theatre, May 29. H. E. Bishop Cantwell was present.

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On April 29 Father Charles Leahy said a Mass for Knute Rockne in the boys' chapel.

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Mr. John Gaffney arrived from Phoenix on May 15 to attend the funeral of his father who died on Ascension Day. The funeral was held on Saturday, May 16 from All Souls' Church, Alhambra. Father Rector spoke at the Mass.

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Mr. Frank Corkery accompanied William Codd, winner of the semi-finals in the Times oratorical contest which was held in Los Angeles on May 15.

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Father George Butler has been at St. Vincent's Hospital the past few weeks suffering from heart trouble.

A shrine of Our Lady in the boys' chapel was kept decorated with flowers during May by the boys. Each class took turns at caring for the shrine. Each day at noon a talk on the Blessed Mother was given by one of the Seniors before the student body assembled before the shrine.

BLESSED SACRAMENT, HOLLYWOOD

Father William J. Finan, S. J., of Creighton University, will preach the Novena preparatory to the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (June 3-12).

BELLARMINE PREPARATORY, SAN JOSE, CALIF.

The members of the Bellarmine Guild and their husbands were the guests of Bellarmine faculty at a delightful dinner on Mother's Day held in the resident students' dining hall. Eighty persons were present.

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Bellarmino debaters lost to the St. Ignatius High school team May 8 on the question whether a third major party would be to the best interests of the United States.

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The senior play chosen for this year was "The Mystery Man", the New York success of Ankrum & Duffy. It was creditably staged in the auditorium on May 22 under the direction of Mr. Arthur R. Kenny. Much of the acting was of professional grade. The "Japanese boys" spoke to each other in excellent Japanese, the translation having been made by young Japanese in a neighboring school.

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As hosts of the Catholic Literature Committee of the Students' Spiritual Council in the bay regions, Bellarmine Sodality literature section attended a meeting on May 16 of delegates from seven high schools of San Francisco, two of Oakland and one of San Jose. Father John F. Cosgrave led the discussions which formulated the policy that the best way to discourage the reading of bad literature was to create interest in good literature.

Deaths in the Provinces of the United States

Father John Navin, May 3, at New Orleans, La. (N. O.)

Brother Salvador Hellin, May 10, at New Orleans, La. (N. O.)

Father Joseph Kearns, May 23, at Albuquerque, N. M. (N. O.)

Father Daniel O'Sullivan, May 27, at New Orleans, La. (N. O.)

BROPHY COLLEGE, PHOENIX, ARIZONA

At the end of the year, Brophy College had 140 students, 30 of whom were boarders. The growth of Brophy College has really been phenomenal; it opened with 45 students in 1928; in 1929 it had 110 students and this year 140. The Catholic and even the non-Catholic people of Phoenix and of Arizona in general have been quick to appreciate the advantages of such an institution.

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On May 19, Father Vaughan explained briefly over station KOY the nature and history of Church music. This was introductory to the broadcasting of the music of High Mass by the choir of St. Mary's (Franciscan) church.

May 22, Father Vaughan made a very timely broadcast on Papal Infallibility. The discourse afterwards appeared in the Arizona Catholic Herald, published in Tucson, Ariz.

The paper just mentioned has succeeded to the Tucson edition of "The Register" of Denver. Father Vaughan is to be a constant contributor.

May 23, a Freshman student, Mark J. Thompson, Jr. was received into the Church by Father Boland.

The Commencement Exercises were held in the College patio on May 28 with H. E. Daniel J. Gercke, Bishop of Tucson, presiding and giving the principal address.

One of the new medals awarded, that for the Sophomore class, was contributed by Mrs. Florence M. Cooke, a recent convert.

His Excellency delivered an eloquent address to the graduates of the High School on "The Meaning of Success."

SACRED HEART NOVITIATE, LOS GATOS

On May 1 a novena of benedictions in honor of the Blessed Virgin, in behalf of the new novitiate was begun.

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Father Master has been suffering from a nervous affliction of the face. Some doctors have advised an operation. He has suffered much from loss of sleep.

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Father Bassett was ill for some days and unable to go to class.

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Brother Peter McNally, a coadjutor novice had the two middle fingers of his left hand crushed by an oil barrel. The middle finger was amputated at the second knuckle.

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Brother Eugene Toner who was sent to Santa Barbara for his health gained twelve pounds and returned here in good health.

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Brother Robert Dachy, a Belgian novice who made twenty months of his novitiate for this Province at Roehampton, England, arrived at Los Gatos on May 2.

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The new concrete mixer which was spoken of in the last issue, has proved its worth. On April 25 the foundations of the new novitiate barn were poured. On May 9 the forms and scaffolding were completed and the concrete was poured that day. The work took from 8:30 A. M. to 7:45 P. M. The superstructure and roofing are now being completed. The new barn is 52 x 62 feet. The outside walls are ten feet high. The two inner walls are 8 inches thick. The storage room between the inner walls is 34 x 53 feet. The height of the building from the ground to the highest point is 24 feet.

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Brother Raymond Carroll, our infirmarian, went to St. Mary's hospital, San Francisco, for some special training in the care of the sick.

ST. JOSEPH'S, SAN JOSE

A beautiful and inspiring scene took place at St. Joseph's Church on Sunday, May 3rd, when nearly a hundred children, (a few more boys than girls) received their First Holy Communion. As the children were

particularly well prepared, their recollection and comportment bespoke the angelic innocence of their souls. The singing by the larger girls from the choir added to the solemnity of the occasion, while the number of other communicants gave it the appearance of another Easter Sunday.

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On Mothers' Day, May 10th, the subject of the sermon at all the Masses was "Our indebtedness to Mother and our duty in return." On that day the Catholic Daughters of America attended the 8 o'clock Mass for their official Paschal Communion and were well represented. Our effort was to show our Catholic people how to give a Catholic turn to a national celebration; the large number of communions, double the ordinary number, was evidence that our people sense the real Catholic meaning of "Mother."

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Confirmation will be administered on Sunday, May 31, at 4 P. M. to more than one hundred children and to some twenty-five adults.

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Father William Deeney attracted many to the May Devotions by his snappy and very practical little talks. The attendance was very good.

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The Fire Department of San Jose with its equipment was given a severe test on Monday, May 18, when a mysterious and spectacular fire destroyed the Santa Clara County Court House. As the fire started in an unused room beneath the dome, it was not discovered until a cloud of smoke was seen ascending from the dome. Hence before it was discovered the fire was completely beyond control. The Court House was a historic structure and a work of art, dating back to 1868. The only building of its kind left in San Jose is St. Joseph's Church.

ST. JOSEPH'S, SEATTLE

The Feast of the Solemnity of St. Joseph was observed on Sunday, April 26 with Solemn High Mass.

A Novena in preparation for the feast was conducted by Father John Durgan. It was well attended.

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A retreat for the pupils of the sixth, seventh and eighth grades of the Holy Name Academy was given by Father Sprague.

A travel talk by W. B. Phillips and a lecture on the Faith of Our Fathers by A. J. Parolik were features of the Parish Holy Name meeting on May twelfth.

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The architectural style of the new church is now and probably always will be a perennial subject of comment mostly favorable.

The architect, Mr. A. H. Albertson, wrote of it:

"The style of the church is rather difficult to talk very much about. It follows no traditional architectural style and about the only way to describe it is to say that the design is an attempt to express in a modern building material, reinforced concrete, the same message that the church builder of 13th century France once expressed in stone, or the architects of Lombardy in brick and terra cotta. How well or ill this has been accomplished remains for those who use the building to judge. The entire structure is of concrete, from the top of the tower to the foundations; walls, floors, ceilings complete, and a rather sweeping step in the architectural use of this material."

BELLARMINE HIGH SCHOOL, TACOMA

The annual public debate was held at St. Leo's auditorium on May 29. The subject was "Resolved: that chain stores are a detriment to the better interests of the American people."

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Commencement Exercises will be held on June 9 at St. Leo's auditorium. In an effort to overcome the tendency of Commencements to drag, two speakers only have been appointed this year instead of five, as was the custom in other years.

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Eight seniors gave the annual Wednesday talks in the chapel during the month of May, the month of our Blessed Mother.

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Seven Bellarmine students received the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Rita's on April 26th.

GONZAGA UNIVERSITY, SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

William J. Codd, fourth year University of Gonzaga High School student, won the Washington State oratorical contest at Spokane which gave him the right to participate in the national finals at Los Angeles. He also won the contest there.

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The University Commencement was held on Tuesday evening June second at the Gonzaga Auditorium.

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The High School Graduation was held on the afternoon of Tuesday June second at Gonzaga Gymnasium.

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April 28, James Keane, Sophomore College student was seriously hurt in an auto crash at the north end of Division Street Bridge. Broken ribs pierced his lungs. Doctors, Sisters and nurses all agreed that the boy was doomed,—could not last 12 hours. But he was still alive on May 4, and the authorities then agreed that he was steadily improving and had a very fine chance of recovery. The Gonzaga students carried on day and night vigils for a week for Keane.

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May 15, William Codd who won the State Oratorical Contest was due in Los Angeles to compete. He won the semi-finals there and later won third place at Washington.

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Rev. Father Rector was East for three weeks attending the meeting of the National Catholic Federation at Chicago. He also attended a meeting of the Gonzaga Club of the middle West which is made up of nine former Gonzaga students living in or near Chicago.

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On April 21 the Gonzaga Glee Club presented its annual concert in honor of Very Rev. Walter J. Fitzgerald, S. J., Vice Provincial of the Rocky Mountain Region.

The club showed evidence of careful training and excellent talent. Very Rev. Father Fitzgerald gave a short talk of appreciation.

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The following editorial appeared in the Spokane Evening Chronicle:

"It didn't 'just happen' that William J. Codd, Gonzaga High School Senior, won the State high school oratorical contest here last week. It came about largely through the fact that his school for years has stressed

the importance of being able to speak in public and through those years has built up a strong department. Gonzaga thinks as highly of its orators as it does of its football players and it is probable that the former have gone even farther in the world of affairs than the grid heroes, although they too have made sizable footprints in the sands of time.

"That's one very good reason why Gonzaga men have made good impressions in the practice of law, in public office and wherever the spoken language is requisite."

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On April 19 the "G" club gave their second annual "Hammer and Tongs Revue" in the gymnasium with a number of high class vaudeville skits and stunts on the program.

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On April 9 the late Knute Rockne was honored by the local chapter of the Gonzaga University Alumni Association, at its monthly meeting in the Gold Room of the Dessert Hotel. All of the speakers talked on some phase of Rockne's life or career. Father Daniel Meagher gave a touching tribute to Rockne, the Christian.

On April 9 Father C. E. Byrne celebrated Mass in the boys' chapel for the repose of the soul of Rockne. A large number of students were present and a good number of these received Holy Communion.

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The approach to the Gonzaga Stadium on Boone Avenue behind Desmet Hall will be beautified. Grass and shrubs will be planted according to landscaping plans laid out by Alban Pierson, Spokane landscaping artist who had donated his services to Gonzaga for the work of beautifying the place.

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Father Jos. Balfe, quondam treasurer of Gonzaga has been transferred to St. Ignatius Mission, Montana in the capacity of Superior.

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Gerald Davis, former Gonzaga student will graduate with honors from Creighton University this year. His outstanding scholastic ability has also won for him a one thousand dollar scholarship to Georgetown University.

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A card party was given by the Gonzaga Philomatheia Club after Lent, the proceeds going to the Gonzaga Scholarship Fund which the Philomatheia Club sponsors.

On "Mother's Day" the mothers of the Religious of St. Aloysius parish were honored by the Altar Society of St. Aloysius, at an entertainment given in the parish hall, after Solemn Benediction in the church. The hall was decorated with lilacs and red tulips, and as each mother entered the hall she was presented with a rose. An entertainment program consisted of informal talks by Father Joye, McNamara and Rebmman, also several vocal and musical numbers, after which refreshments were served. There were about fifty mothers present.

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At the 8:15 Mass on Sunday, May 10, 47 children received their first Holy Communion and all the children of the parish school received Holy Communion for their mothers. The church was crowded.

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On the Feast of the Patronage of St. Joseph (Sunday) the St. Joseph's Verein had their annual Mass in our Domestic Chapel. Rev. Father Rebmman, though 80 years old, celebrated Mass and preached eloquently in German.

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May 31, St. Aloysius Church was crowded at the 11 o'clock Solemn High Mass on the occasion of the 25th anniversary in the priesthood of Very Rev. Father Provincial (Joseph M. Piet), Father James M. Brogan, Father Alphonse Fletcher, Father Henry J. Vrebosch, Father Geoffrey J. O'Shea, Father P. T. Kern, Father Ambrose Sullivan, and Father Patrick J. O'Reilly.

All the jubilarians have been connected with Gonzaga University as students, professors, or officials.

Neither Father Provincial nor Father Instructor were able to be present, but wired their regrets.

Father Philip I. Delon and Father Aloysius Vrebosch were members of this class.

The Mass was preceded by a procession of graduates of the High School and of the University, followed by the scholastics from Mt. St. Michael's and the clergy.

Father O'Reilly celebrated the Mass, assisted by Father Vrebosch as deacon and Father Fletcher as sub-deacon. Rt. Rev. Msgr. Daniel Hanley, Vicar General of the Seattle diocese, representing H. E. Bishop Edward J. O'Dea, preached on the priesthood. Very Rev. Father Vice Provincial (Walter J. Fitzgerald) and

Father O'Shea assisted in the sanctuary.

At 5:30 the jubilarians were guests of the Jesuit Mothers' club for dinner in the parish hall.

A reception in the evening in the University auditorium climaxed the jubilee celebration.

SHERIDAN

The article in "The Western Jesuit" for May, which gave some notion of the location of the novitiate to be built here and which laid particular stress on the need for contributions from the laity, has already produced some tangible albeit very modest results.

In order to give it a wider circulation, it has been reprinted as a folder, and is now ready for distribution.

ST. JOSEPH'S MISSION, SLICKPOO, IDAHO

The work of the Mission has been hampered by considerable sickness.

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Father O'Malley was confined in the hospital for some days with an infected foot. It was thought for a time that a minor operation would be necessary.

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Bishop Kelly will be here on June 6 for Confirmation. He confirmed 23 in the sanitarium at Lapwai on May 9.

HAVRE, MONTANA

Fort Belknap, Montana

May 23, 1931, Father Gabriel M. Menager writes:

"I have been here for several days availing myself of a wonderful opportunity to carry on a sort of intensive catechism training at the Government school.

"I have actually obtained eight full days, during which I may do practically all I wish with the children, 116 in number. I am even bringing in some from Savoy and other places.

"I have a staff of five teachers and we keep busy. I began by explaining the Mass, etc. I wish I could have the same for the grown-ups.

"There are 150 poor 'floating' Indians leading a miserable existence on the bank of the River at Great Falls. His Excellency Bishop O'Hara gave me permission to say Mass in one of

their horrible huts, and I administered the Sacraments to a goodly number of them. I visited them whenever I chance to visit Great Falls.

"In the meantime these Indians receive regular weekly instructions for two hours from 4 fervent young women who are studying at the Ursuline convent. Some older women go and remain with these voluntary catechists during the instructions.

"Two Ursuline Sisters will conduct our summer school at the Rocky Boy Agency for the Cree Indians."

ST. PAUL'S MISSION, MONTANA

It is planned to hold a summer school at Lodge Pole in accord with the system and plan of H. E. Bishop O'Hara of Great Falls. In this way some religious instruction will be imparted to Indian children who attend the public schools. The summer-school is to be in session mornings only for five days a week from June 21 to July 21. Mr. Gerald A. Oswald, is to be in charge, assisted by the secular teacher at St. Paul's Mission School, Mr. Bushman.

JUNEAU

Some time ago, Father Francis B. Prange was forced to go to the hospital in Fairbanks on account of sinus trouble and a gall-bladder affection. While there he had a severe attack of angina pectoris.

Following the advice of his physicians, Father Prange started "out" of Alaska for further treatment in the United States, but on arriving at Juneau, Alaska, May 5, he was ordered to the hospital. After nine days observation, his condition was gradually getting worse. On May 15, an operation for appendicitis was performed, apparently with good results.

HOLY CROSS

Father Hubbard writes on April 15 to Very Reverend Father Provincial:

Today I arrived in Holy Cross, the end of my long 1600 mile mush. Divine Providence was certainly with me in a most remarkable way as I escaped many dangers and raced death up the Yukon in a way I never did before. Whole villages a few days journey below Holy Cross were so stricken with the flu that the sick living were too weak to dig graves for the dead. Father Cunningham at Mountain Village could not get away

all winter so I took in all his stations, baptizing the babies and giving the natives a chance to make their Easter duty. I am almost exhausted now but as I have to wait for the break-up of the ice here at Holy Cross I should get a good rest. A bad cold contracted a few days ago needs attention too.

After leaving Father Prange at Kaltag my real troubles began, as I had to travel mostly alone with only an occasional native guide and drove my own dogs and sled for over 800 miles. At the end of the 1600 mile mush, the nine dogs that I kept for the whole trip are in the best physical condition and came in on the run fat and husky with not even a sore foot all winter. But it was hard work. Often I would arrive at a lonely shelter cabin after bucking a storm all day and snowshoeing a trail for the team. Unharnessing the dogs, bedding them down, feeding and watering them with the thermometer below zero all the time, often took me until midnight. A few hours sleep and then off again in the early dawn. This was enough for one man. To record movies and pictures of these Alaska winter trails was another job and wherever I put up for the night I had to stay up to talk to my host and give him all of the news. It was a relief to stumble into a native cabin or igloo where I couldn't talk the language. At least I had a chance to rest in some lousy corner.

From Unalakleet on Norton Sound I went across the Bering Sea ice to St. Michael's where Father Lonneux was hungry for the sight of a fellow religious. The movies of the Bering Sea ice pack should be very wonderful. I got the old Eskimos making friction fires, fishing, seal hunting and much of interest. From St. Michael's Island—where I found a bunch of volcanoes—I went over the ice again and out on the long wind-swept tundra of the Yukon Delta to Akulurak on the South Mouth. Father Sifton was kindness itself to me and I found in this isolated oasis a veritable Paradise on earth. It was getting too late to go to Hooper Bay and also little could be taken there at this time of the year as everything is drifted in with snow. I took 3000 feet of the Akulurak school children and their work and this should be very interesting. It was April and after celebrating Easter at Akulurak I started up the river over four hundred miles to Holy Cross. This time it was

a race against the first thaw which makes the ice unsafe for travel. The cold weather held and only one blizzard on the tundra caused me any trouble. As Father Cunningham was ill, my guide agreed to take him to Akulurak. I could get no more guides but was lucky in striking the last mail team to go up the river to Holy Cross before the break up. I stopped at neglected villages to give what consolation I could to influenza-stricken natives and when I finally arrived at Holy Cross I was ready to drop. There is no use dropping though when you arrive still right side up, so as soon as I get rid of my cold and get a little sleep, I will film several thousand feet of Holy Cross, the most advanced of all the Missions.

One thing that makes me happy this winter is that I did not miss either Mass or the Breviary once the whole trip. Also the spiritual consolation in administering to the neglected people were worth all the hardships.

NOME, ALASKA

For a town which has fallen on evil days, there is quite a group of buildings dedicated to Church uses.

In the period antedating 1917-1918, the relatively large St. Joseph's Church on Steadman Avenue and King's Way, was faced by the two-room parish school with two Sisters in charge; at the right was the two story residence with Library club on the ground floor, and in the rear, the spacious Holy Angel's Chapel for the Eskimos and next to that the garage.

Today however, the Church is used only when large crowds come,—at funerals, at midnight mass on Christmas, and during the King-Islanders summer sojourn.

Instead, the Library Club in the residence has become a chapel in which regular parish services are held. The parochial school is now a parish hall. The Holy Angels' chapel is now a gymnasium and a billiard room and instruction room and store-rooms are attached thereto.

There are 23 pupils now in the Sunday-school, divided into three classes, one conducted by the pastor and the others by ladies. The larger pupils come on Tuesdays for a class in Church History and Bible History.

The families are white, half-breed and Eskimo. "Ought-to-be's" abound among the bachelors who spend half-a-year in Nome.

July and August see the King-

Islanders come about 125 in number; they use the gymnasium and billiard room and receive instructions in the Faith every evening. As far as possible, these instructions are given in the Eskimo language. About nine o'clock they retire to their tents and over-turned boats. A faithful Ladies' Altar Society still functions.

Father Hubert A. Post had the flu twice last month and has not quite recovered. Being all alone without brother or hired servant, Father was cared for in the home of an old Catholic family.

PILGRIM SPRINGS, ALASKA

Father Baltussen writes:

"We were much disappointed that Father Hubbard could not visit the Seward Peninsula.

"The Peninsula has become world-famous through the death of Father Ruppert and the tragic end of Father Delon and Father Walsh on the opposite shore of Kotzebue.

"However the principal reason for our disappointment is that the Fathers on the Peninsula have missed a chance to go to Confession. Fathers Post, Lafortune and myself do not get to see each other as we cannot leave our missions without some one suffering. As a result I have not been to confession since last October when Father Delon was here. Furthermore a visiting priest gives an opportunity to the Brothers, Sisters and people to go to a different priest from the one they are seeing the year around.

"We have had a good deal of "flu" around here. St. Joseph however has been good to us and nobody died. Only two of us did not have it, one of the Sisters and myself.

"On Easter Tuesday I had made up my mind to go to Teller to give my people there a chance to make their Easter duty. This winter there were 30 Catholics in Teller. When I left here Brother Wilhalm was feeling a little sick but nothing serious. Before I had gone a quarter of the way my dogs gave out. I had to keep on going, 16 miles to the nearest shelter cabin. I had to make it or sleep in the snow, which I did not relish very much, so I had to walk the rest of the way. I got there, but just simply all in. The first thing was to make a good warm cup of coffee, then feed the dogs and after I rested a while I unhitched them and put them in the barn. Believe me they were a tired bunch.

"During the sleepless hours of the night I decided to go back to the Springs. The dogs might get stiff on me and I would never get home. So the next morning at 5 A. M. I started for home. Imagine my surprise on arriving home to find everybody in bed with the flu, except three Sisters and a couple of children, who went down next day. Divine Providence had brought me back home.

"Between taking care of the sick, feeding the dogs, the mule and the horse and attending to a thousand different odd jobs, my time was pretty well taken up.

KOTZEBUE

"I am not yet through with fixing the house," wrote Fr. Lafortune on Dec. 7, 1930.

"My electric plant is installed and works very nicely. It is cheaper than the gasoline lamps. Moreover it gives a much better light.

"I made a partition in the kitchen. That makes it easier to warm up. And it gives me a nice little room between the hall and the kitchen that I use for catechism after school hours and also to say my Mass on weekdays. I use the oil stove to warm that room.

"At Selawik the population is going down.

"Others are very enthusiastic about Kotzebue, but I don't see what is back of it. Furs are the only source of money, but will they give much more money in future? The mining is insignificant. The reindeer industry is a farce. There is much native food but there is no market for it. I think there is more future in the islands. The natives seem to be prosperous, but it is at the expense of the stores. The Quakers owe \$120,000 to one storekeeper alone. If a native goes to the Quakers' church, he can have all the credit he wants. That is the only hold they have on them. Were it not for that, the natives would quit them tomorrow. When those who are backing that credit business get tired, the crash will come."

"The communions are becoming more numerous," wrote Father Lafortune on Feb. 17, "and some people come to the weekly Mass.

"The flu seems to have made its appearance yesterday, April 27. Two natives brought it from Candle. The Doctor calls it flu. But I question it. One of the sick men told me that he was sick for three days. The flu of

1918 would have killed him the very first day. It may be a mild form of it. At any rate the schools are closed, etc. That will give me some time to write letters and drive the language into my head.

"Everybody sick with the flu here, even the Doctor. His wife is still on her feet, but she will get it too. Mrs. Tozer, Billy Southward, the Marshall and myself have the care of the bunch. That keeps me on my feet."

HOME MISSION ACTIVITIES

The Missions now being given by Father Joseph A. Sullivan are sometimes concluded by a large procession of parish organizations and people.

A typical Mission procession took place May 10 at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Lakeshore Blvd., Oakland.

The Boy Scouts color troops of the Transbay region, led the procession headed by a scoutmaster who is a convert and an El Retiro man.

Groups of the Young Men's Institute, and the Laymen's Retreat Association of the Oakland district also marched, about 100 in number.

Various drill teams of the Young Ladies Institute, the Children of Mary in uniform, school children in white marshalled by their teachers the Holy Name Sisters, the Holy Name Society of men and the women folk of the parish made up the bulk of the procession. A large number of altar boys were in evidence. The Blessed Sacrament was carried by an Assistant in the parish, with Father E. C. Menager (Father Sullivan's enthusiastic helper in this mission) as deacon, and another Assistant as sub-deacon.

Father Sullivan in surplice acted as general director of the whole affair, leading also in the recitation of the Rosary.

The procession started from the church at 7:45. It stretched about 5 blocks. Police were on hand to regulate the traffic. Many spectators viewed the procession at different points, kneeling as the Blessed Sacrament was carried by.

As the Blessed Sacrament passed out by the priests' residence, the processional cross was already returning to the church property.

The sky was cloudless, there was no moon and the temperature was ideal. The temporary altar erected

Deaths of Relatives of Ours

Mr. Gaffney, father of the Mr. John G. Gaffney, May 14 at Los Angeles.

between the gymnasium and the school on the hillside about twenty-five feet above the spacious recreation ground of the parish school blazed with many candles and stood out sharply against the blackness of the night under the white glare of floodlights. The line of the procession was easily traceable by the flickering gleams of blessed candles in the hands of the many pairs of marchers. "More beautiful and more impressive," exclaimed a much travelled man, "than the processions at St. Anne de Beaupre".

When the Blessed Sacrament was finally borne to the altar and the uniformed boy scouts in khaki and the women in red and white and blue, were grouped about the altar, Father Sullivan with nothing but his nicked crucifix to set off the blackness of his cassock, built up about a moving anecdote, a stirring appeal to seek perseverance through prayer.

As he spoke to the 1200 faithful massed in the playground below, their upturned faces illumined by the wavering flames of their candles, one was reminded of the illuminations of St. Peter's at Rome, where thousands of leaping flames outline the grand basilica, making it a moving symbol of the Living Church.

The Papal blessing and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament terminated a grand demonstration of faith. Words overheard in the crowd showed that many who had participated in similar processions in their own parishes, had come to Our Lady of Lourdes to live again those happy moments. "Look at the men," exclaimed an old lady. "You can get women for anything; but I like to see the men and so many of them." The presence of the Laymen's Retreat Association on these occasions is evidently truly edifying.

MISSION AVIATORS

Brother Martial Lapeyre, of the Province of New Orleans, has been loaned to the Missions of Northern Alaska, and is now taking flying instructions at the Alameda Airport under Captain W. H. Royle who was

also the instructor of Brother George J. Feltes.

Brother Lapeyre is a native of New Orleans, having been born on Sept. 16, 1908. He entered the Society April 4, 1927.

Before coming to this Province Brother Lapeyre had already finished a course in the theory of flying through a correspondence school of national reputation.

Brother Frederick Sanchez—Aldana has been loaned to the Province of New Orleans in exchange for Brother Lapeyre and is to be stationed at Grand Coteau.

Brother George J. Feltes is now in the East and is keeping a close eye on the construction of the new Bel-lanca pace-maker plane. Various friends of the Alaska Missions have contributed to the construction costs. As lakes and rivers abound in Alaska, the plane must necessarily be equipped with pontoons.

GERMANY

The Diaspora.—Fr. Edward Hagemann, California tertian at Muenster, spent Christmas in a little village 50 miles away which lies in the Diaspora. The Diaspora includes all the districts in Germany which are overwhelmingly Protestant. The few Catholics are practically submerged, have as a rule no spiritual ministration and especially through mixed marriages fall away from the Church in large numbers. In the village where Fr. Hagemann worked were three Catholic families and a few Catholic employees. One of the families is wealthy and has a private chapel, a very unusual privilege in the Diaspora. There the handful of Catholics assemble every Sunday to assist at Mass, which is generally celebrated by a tertian from Muenster, who spends the night in the village. Fr. Hagemann had four days sojourn there, with mass, confessions and a couple of sermons.

The existence of districts or of cities that are almost exclusively Catholic or Protestant is due largely to the treaty of Westphalia (signed in Muenster) which ended the Thirty Years war. By the terms of that treaty the principle, "Cujus regio, ejus religio," was recognized. There are no cities now that are exclusively Catholic or Protestant, for the union of the German states in 1871 and the facility of communication during the last 50 years have done much to break down religious isolation.

"Sometimes," writes Fr. Hagemann, "rather peculiar conditions exist; for example, one finds occasionally villages where the one church is used for Protestant and Catholic services. The Protestants had seized it during the Reformation period and held onto it, but the Catholics retained the right of use. Again there are cases where the church is owned partly by Catholics and partly by Protestants, for example in Heidelberg. There a dividing wall has been built so that there are two churches under the same roof, one for the Catholics, the other for the Protestants.

"One learns also to appreciate more and more the glorious share that our Society had in saving the faith in this country. When our Fathers first came to Muenster only a few families (three, I think) were Catholic. The rest had all fallen away. In a few years the entire city was Catholic again; our college had then over a thousand pupils. The building houses now the main faculties of the university of Muenster, the provincial university for Westphalia. There are five thousand students in attendance.

Jesuits Return to Germany.—"It is extraordinary," writes Fr. Hagemann, "how quickly our Fathers have returned to Germany since the abrogation of the anti-Jesuit law in 1918, and how systematically and thoroughly they are everywhere establishing residences.

"Last year a residence was opened in Hanover, an overwhelmingly Protestant city. The house belonged formerly to the founder of the "Hanoverian Courier," a liberal newspaper. Von Benningsen, the leader of the "Kultur Kampf" in Hanover in 1871, was a friend of his and often visited the house where some of the anti-Catholic campaign meetings were held. The banquet hall has been transformed into the house chapel. Very few changes were necessary. The winter garden has become the sacristy, the sanctuary is the end of the hall with the communion rail separating it from the rest of the hall. The magnificent chandeliers and expensive wainscoting remains, forming a beautiful decoration. The pews and a confessional give the final ecclesiastical touch. Our Fathers there are so far engaged exclusively in work for the Catholic students attending various educational institutions in the city."